

~~[R277. Education, Administration.~~

~~R277-725. Electronic High School.~~

~~R277-725-1. Definitions.~~

- ~~—— A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.~~
- ~~—— B. "Electronic high school" means a rigorous program offering 9-12 grade level courses delivered over the Internet and coordinated by the USOE.~~
- ~~—— C. "Home-schooled student" means a student who attends no more than two regularly scheduled classes or courses in a public school per semester as defined under Section 53A-11-102.~~
- ~~—— D. "Open entry/open exit" means:~~
 - ~~—— (1) a method of instructional delivery that allows for flexible scheduling in response to individual student needs or requirements and demonstrated competency when knowledge and skills have been mastered; and~~
 - ~~—— (2) students have the flexibility to begin or end study at any time, progress through course material at their own pace, and demonstrate competency when knowledge and skills have been mastered.~~
- ~~—— E. "Unit of credit" means credit awarded for courses taken with school district/school approval and successfully completed by students. A student may also earn units of credit by demonstrating subject mastery through district/school approved methods.~~
- ~~—— F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.~~

~~R277-725-2. Authority and Purpose.~~

- ~~—— A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of the public schools in the Board, Section 53A-1-401(3) which authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and Section 53A-17a-131.15 which directs the Board to have a rule for distribution of funds for the electronic high school program.~~
- ~~—— B. The purpose of this rule is to provide minimum standards, definitions, and procedures for distribution of funds and coordination of the electronic high school program.~~

~~R277-725-3. Electronic High School Funding.~~

- ~~—— The USOE shall maintain and distribute funds appropriated by the Legislature for the electronic high school program.~~

~~R277-725-4. Courses and Credit~~

- ~~—— A. Curriculum, course offerings and course availability shall be determined by the USOE Electronic High School Principal following consultation with school district personnel and USOE specialists to determine demand and curriculum requirements.~~
- ~~—— B. Courses shall be offered in an open-entry open-exit format. In a student's first week of enrollment in a course, a student shall be assigned to a cohort group with the expectation of class completion within seven to ten weeks.~~
- ~~—— C. Courses shall be designed to be competency-based, with no specific student seat time requirement.~~
- ~~—— D. Schools or school districts shall accept credits that students earn through the electronic high school.~~

~~R277-725-5. Student Eligibility for Enrollment.~~

~~—— A. There are no age or grade restrictions for Utah students to enroll in electronic high school courses.~~

~~—— B. Students are accepted into electronic high school courses on a first-come first-served basis.~~

~~—— C. A student may register for electronic high school courses at the public school where the student currently attends. The public school shall notify the student's counselor within the first four weeks of enrollment to assure that the course is consistent with the student's SEOP/plan for college and career readiness.~~

~~—— D. The school counselor shall assist students in evaluating courses required for and offered through the electronic high school.~~

~~R277-725-6. Electronic High School Services to Students with Disabilities.~~

~~—— Students with disabilities who may need additional services or resources and who seek to enroll in electronic high school classes may request appropriate accommodations through the students' assigned schools or school districts.~~

~~R277-725-7. Student Fees or Tuition~~

~~—— A. Electronic high school courses are provided to students who are Utah residents, as defined under Section 53A-2-201(1), free of charge.~~

~~—— B. Students whose parents/legal guardians are not Utah residents, consistent with Section 53A-2-201, may enroll in electronic high school courses for a fee of \$150 per quarter course provided that the course can accommodate additional students.~~

~~R277-725-8. Teacher Requirements and Payments.~~

~~—— A. All electronic high school teachers are licensed Utah educators consistent with Section 53A-6.~~

~~—— B. Electronic high school teachers are paid an hourly wage according to their contract negotiated with the USOE.~~

~~—— C. All electronic high school teachers shall be subject to laws and administrative rules for Utah educators, including the state and federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sections 53A-13-301 and 302, and 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99; child abuse reporting requirements; and Professional Standards for Utah Educators, R686-103.~~

~~R277-725-9. Electronic High School Credit and Diplomas.~~

~~—— A. The Electronic high school may award diplomas to students consistent Section 53A-15-1007 as adequate courses and funding are available, required for graduation.~~

~~—— B. The student's resident school personnel shall assist prospective graduates, to the extent of resources available, with transcript evaluation and suggestions for completing graduation requirements required beyond the electronic high school curriculum.~~

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